

Application No. 10/017,530
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The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated. Added text is underlined, and deleted text is shown by strike-through.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 2 (page 2, lines 1-15) with the following paragraph.

A' One of the problems with these systems, in particularly, those used in residential dwelling units with restricted access is that when a person arrives at the gate and calls seeking access often there may not be an adult in the residence. Thus, an adolescent or even younger child may answer the call from the gate. This can create security problems since, as soon as the child answers, the person at the gate can use this fact to their advantage if they have a bad intent. They may try to persuade the child to give them entry into the complex whereas with an adult they would not try to do so. Additionally, since they have determined an adult is not on the premises, they may try to use this fact to their advantage to commit some illegal act. Even if they have no illegal intent they may still try to use the fact to allow them to gain entry to conduct some other activity, such as sales with which the residents would prefer not to be bothered. Also, a woman alone in an apartment or house might not want to ~~reveal~~ reveal her gender when answering a call from someone at the front gate of her apartment or housing complex. Likewise if it is a gated security system at a single-family residence the problem is even more serious for the obvious reasons.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 2 (page 2, lines 17-21) with the following paragraph.

A² Thus, what is needed is a communication security system that provides optional security features for a security gate controlled entry system in which a person seeking entry into a secure area contacts a unit within the complex over an audio communication system of the complex. A system that gives the option to a resident or occupant of one of the units to disguise ~~there~~ his or her age or sex as well as providing other security features.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 4 (page 4, lines 10-22) with the following paragraph.

A³ Fig. 1 provides a schematic type block type diagram of the ~~over~~ overall context in which a preferred embodiment of the present invention would work. The present invention works in conjunction with a system that limits and controls access to a restricted area or complex 21. Typically, a barrier such as a fence or stonewall 23 encloses restricted area or complex 21. Such a restricted area can be a gated community, secure apartment complex or some similar complex. An entryway 25 has a gate that limits access into the restricted area 21. Typically a person arriving at the entryway 25 will call on a communication system 29 a residence or other location 27 within the complex to obtain access to the restricted area 21. The communication system in a basic form will consist of a two way communication terminal 29 located at entryway 25. The two way communication terminal will connect to a communication system of the secure area and allow one at the gate to call any of the individual units within the complex. Each unit will have its own two-way communication device connected into the communication system.